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SUBJECT: CZECH AMBASSADOR JOHANES CALLS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES TO DISCUSS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

1. CZECH AMBASSADOR JOHANES AT HIS REQUEST CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES APRIL 19 TO PROVIDE US WITH GOC VIEWS RE SSOD.

2. JOHANES, READING FROM NOTES, STATED THAT THE GOC:

-- VIEWS THE SSOD AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN DETENTE;

-- PLANS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SSOD AND HOPES FOR A REALISTIC OUTCOME OF THE SESSION;
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-- URGES THE US TO WORK FOR COMPLETED CW, RAW AND CTB AGREEMENTS AT THE SSOD OR TO USE THE SSOD TO CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE SIGNING OF THESE AGREEMENTS.

-- LOOKS FORWARD TO THE HOLDING OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT

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CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

-- BELIEVES THAT THE SSOD SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN A REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE BANNING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS SUCH AS "THE NEUTRON BOMB" AND A REDUCTION IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND MILITARY BUDGETS. IN CLOSING JOHANES STATED THAT GOC BELIEVES THE CCD HAS TO BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY: IT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED NOT WEAKENED.

3. IN RESPONSE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES NOTED THAT:

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS STATED THAT THE US WILL TAKE A STRONG AND POSITIVE INTEREST IN THE SESSION;

-- WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS;

-- WE SEE THE SSOD AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY OR CREATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL LEAD TO AN ACCELERATION IN THOSE AREAS OF ARMS CONTROL WHICH APPEAR TO BE MOST PROMISING.

4. IN REGARDS TO ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS AND THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, MAYNES EXPRESSED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL NOT USE THE SSOD AS A PROPAGANDA FORUM.

CONCERNING THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, MAYNES STRESSED THE US BELIEF THAT CONDITIONS ARE NOT RIGHT FOR THE CONVENING OF A WDC. HE NOTED THAT CHINA HAS NOT AGREED TO ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE AND THAT WITHOUT CHINESE PARTICIPATION A WDC WOULD FAIL. MAYNES EMPHASIZED WE WILL HAVE A STRONG CONGRESSIONAL CONTINGENT AT THE SSOD, THEREFORE THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE SSOD, EITHER PROPAGANDISTIC OR REALISTIC, WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT UPON THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE TOWARD DISARMAMENT.

5. RESPONDING TO JOHANES' QUESTION RE POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES, MAYNES REFERRED TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REPORTING THAT THE US IS CONSIDERING A NUCLEAR WEAPON PRODUCTION CUTOFF. HE STATED THAT OTHER INITIATIVES ARE BEING STUDIED AND THAT ALL US INITIATIVES WILL SERVE AS A LEGITIMATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISARMAMENT DEBATE.

IN REGARDS TO THE CCD MAYNES AGREED THAT THE CONSENSUS

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PROCEDURE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN SOME REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. HE STRESSED THAT WE BELIEVE THE CCD SHOULD REMAIN SMALL ENOUGH TO PERSERVE ITS FUNCTION AS A NEGOTIATING BODY.

6. MAYNES THEN ADDRESSED THE QUESTIONS OF NAMIBIA AND UNIFIL. CONCERNING NAMIBIA HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL APPROACH THE ISSUE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CURRENT APPROACH IS A LAST EFFORT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT A STRUGGLE, AND WILL GIVE THE CURRENT PROPOSALS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT WHEN THEY REACH THE SECURITY COUNCIL. ON UNIFIL, MAYNES STATED THAT THE SECRETARY-
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GENERAL'S REPORT ON UNIFIL HAS BEEN ADOPTED. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE REPORT ESTABLISHES COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UNIFIL OPERATION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE GOC, AS A SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER, WILL SUPPORT THE COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONCEPT.

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